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SUBJECT: COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA ASSERTS UN WOULD NOT
OPPOSE FOREIGN INTERVENTION IN NAMIBIA

REF: A) STATE 40636; B) LONDON 2828; C) LUSAKA 508

1. DEPT FULLY CONCURS IN AMBASSADOR WILKOWSKI'S PLANNED
APPROACH TO UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA SEAN MACBRIDE.
WE BELIEVE IT BAD ENOUGH THAT MACBRIDE, A RESPONSIBLE
UN OFFICIAL (ASST UN SECRETARY GENERAL), SHOULD OPENLY
PREDICT AND ENCOURAGE A MILITARY SOLUTION TO THE NAMIBIAN
AND RHODESIAN PROBLEMS IN DUBLIN AND NAIROBI. IT IS
PRESUMPTUOUS AND IMPROPER FOR HIM TO PRETEND TO SPEAK FOR
THE UN - A COLLECTION OF SOVEREIGN STATES - AND IN EFFECT
GIVE UN BLESSING TO COMMUNIST INTERVENTION IN SOUTHERN
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RESPONSIBILITY SHOULD BE TO SEEK PEACEFUL SOLUTIONS TO
WORLD PROBLEMS RATHER THAN DANGEROUSLY ENFLAME THEM.

2. FOR USUN: IN LIGHT OF MACBRIDE'S COMMENTS IN LUSAKA,
MISSION SHOULD SEEK URGENT CONSULTATIONS WITH FRIENDLY
DELEGATIONS IN NEW YORK (WE ARE THINKING PARTICULARLY
OF EC-9 AND JAPAN) TO ORGANIZE JOINT OR COORDINATED
PROTEST BY PERMREPS TO UN SYG WALDHEIM OVER MACBRIDE'S
REMARKS. PURPOSE OF PROTEST WOULD BE TO EXPRESS DEEP

CONCERN OF DELEGATIONS OVER MACBRIDE'S DANGEROUS
RHETORIC WHICH IS A CONTRADICTION TO THE PRINCIPLES
AND PURPOSES OF THE UN. DELEGATIONS SHOULD ASK SYG
TO INSTRUCT MACBRIDE TO CEASE MAKING SPEECHES IN WHICH
HE CLAIMS TO SPEAK FOR UN AND IN WHICH HE ENCOURAGES
VIOLENT SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS OF NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA.
DELEGATIONS SHOULD MAKE CLEAR THAT THE PROTEST DOES
NOT IN ANY WAY DIMINISH THE URGENCY WITH WHICH
DELEGATIONS SEEK A SOLUTION TO THESE PROBLEMS. THE
CONCERN IS THAT A PEACEFUL SOLUTION BE FOUND WHICH IS
IN THE INTERESTS OF ALL THE PEOPLES OF THE AREA. INGERSOLL
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